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Title: Need to grant adequate funds for modernisation of Jhanjra Mining Project in West Bengal.

SHRI SUNIL KHAN (DURGAPUR): Introduction of continuous Miner in R-VI seam of Janjira project represents one of the very good properties for mechanization by underground method. The thickness range of seam is between 3.5 m to 5.9 m and the seam has a mineable reserve of about 38 million tones of B-C grade coal. While the property in sector A1 and A2 is practically free from any major geological disturbances, the balance in sector C and sector D is interspersed with a number of faults. Jhanjira project is basically long wall mine having wide experience with this technology and the project is also meant for a production level of 2 MTY to be subsequently enhanced. The geologically undisturbed area of the property in sector A1 and A2 is the lowest risk region and hence the ideal place for deploying PSLW equipment. In this sector 4 nos. of long panels of about 2 km length and 180 m width have been projected. The thickness of coal within the panels range between 4m to 5.9m and each panel contains a reserve of 2-2.5 million tonnes of coal. The long length of drainages upto 2 km at a stretch call for fast development by such a suitable system which can maintain adequate ventilation, support, coal evaluation, etc. for such long headings. Continuous miner development is one such suitable method. I demand immediate intervention by the Ministry and grant of adequate money phase-wise so that the profit making two hundred years project can produce more which will be highest production unit in India.